**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

April 19, 2000

H.R. 3182
Craig Municipal Equity Act of 1999

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on April 5, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3182 would not significantly affect the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; thus, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3182 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would benefit the city of Craig, Alaska, by providing land from which the city may generate new revenues to pay for city services. The budgets of other state, local, and tribal governments would not be affected by this bill.

H.R. 3182 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey approximately 4,500 acres of land within the Tongass National Forest to the city of Craig, Alaska. The Secretary would have to complete the conveyance within 90 days of the bill's enactment. According to the Forest Service, the lands that would be conveyed to the city do not currently generate any significant receipts, and the agency does not expect them to generate any significant receipts in the foreseeable future. The lands that would be conveyed are part of a larger area where the timber was offered for sale in 1999. No bids were received for this timber and the agency does not plan to reoffer it for sale in the near future.

On April 12, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1797, similar legislation that was ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 5, 2000. The lands that would be conveyed under each bill are the same, and our estimates of each bill's impact on direct spending are identical. Differences between the two estimates reflect a provision in the Senate version that would increase discretionary spending, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

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